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**From:** Harvey, Reid  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 9:42 AM  
**To:** Wayland, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: Phone call with Konza Prairie

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**From:** Lear, Gary  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 7:40 PM  
**To:** Harvey, Reid; Haeuber, Richard  
**Cc:** Puchalski, Melissa  
**Subject:** Phone call with Konza Prairie

Summary of today's conversation with John Blair at the Konza Prairie LTER:

- KDHE has contacted the KSU Provost and Provost for Research (PR).
- The Provost and on down are all skeptical and alarmed that KDHE is trying to infringe on freedom of academic research, but the PR has agreed to hear KDHE's arguments in a phone call on Wednesday.
- The PR also reported that the issue has been raised to the Kansas Secretary of the Environment, and they have also contacted KSU administration.
- Blair was going to request that KDHE send a written request outlining the reasons the monitor should be removed.
- KDHE contacted Rob Manes at Kansas TNC, who responded that this was a technical issue and beyond the expertise of TNC; the only reason they would intervene would be if an activity was disrupting the ecosystem at the site; and, any decision on the operation would be made by the Research Station and LTER.
- Blair was confident that the only reason KSU would agree to shut the site down was for technical reasons that would result in poor data quality.

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